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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/58 dated 13th January, 1958.

The total number of registered Births was the highest for the past seven years being 220 compared with 204 in 1956. The number of Births per thousand of the population was 14.6 and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts and England and Wales as a whole, was 15.2. The corresponding rate was 14.0 in 1956. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.1.

A total of 191 Deaths was registered in 1957. The Death Rate per thousand of the population was 12.6. This Rate corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole was 10.0, compared with 10.4 the previous year. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.5.

Table No. 1 on page 9 shows the number of Deaths from the various groups of Cancer. The following table shows the number of Deaths from Lung Cancer during the last six years:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1952	4	-	4
1953	5	-	5
1954	4	2	6
1955	5	-	5
1956	7	-	7
1957	6	-	6

This shows that the disease occurs predominantly in the male sex. The Cancer Death Rate was 2.05 compared with 1.99 in 1956.

There were four deaths in children under the age of one year, compared with two in the previous year. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 18.2 as against 9.8 in 1956. The Rate for England and Wales was 23.0.

#### Tuberculosis.

Four new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and this total compared favourably with numbers in the previous years as shown in the following table:-



<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>
1946	12	1952	10
1947	16	1953	4
1948	4	1954	11
1949	6	1955	6
1950	9	1956	2
1951	8		

There were also three new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified.

It will be noted from Table No. 1 - Causes of Death - that one death was attributed to pulmonary tuberculosis and one to non-pulmonary. The Tuberculosis Death Rate was .13 as compared with .07 in 1956.

While the Death Rate from tuberculosis has fallen considerably in recent years, the notification of new cases has not shown a corresponding decrease. Two measures which I hope will help to reduce the numbers of new cases are B.C.G. vaccination and mass radiography. B.C.G. is at present limited to one age group, the 13 year olds, and all susceptibles in this group are now offered vaccination by the County Health Department. Mass radiography can play its part by discovering, firstly, cases in the early stages of the disease which usually respond well to treatment, and, secondly, more advanced cases which are disseminating infection unwittingly amongst their immediate contacts.

#### Infectious Disease.

The number of notifications of infectious disease received was 185 compared with 424 in 1956. Once again Measles and Whooping Cough together accounted for most of these notifications, 92 cases of Measles and 69 of Whooping Cough being notified. No deaths were recorded from these diseases and they do not appear to present any serious danger to child life at the present time. No doubt modern drugs play an important part in controlling what used to be fatal complications of these diseases. During the autumn, vaccination against Whooping Cough was made available for young children at the Welfare Clinics by the County Council and this measure should help in reducing both the incidence and severity of this disease.

#### Pneumonia.

Seven cases of primary pneumonia were notified.

#### Scarlet Fever.

Twelve cases of Scarlet Fever were notified as against 19 in the previous year.



### Poliomyelitis.

For the second year in succession no case of poliomyelitis was notified in the district. Prophylactic vaccination against this disease was continued by the County Health Department throughout the year and its range was considerably extended by the inclusion of further priority groups. In the autumn all children between the ages of six months and 15 years, also expectant mothers, as well as medical, nursing and ambulance personnel who were likely to be in close contact with the disease were included in the priority classes. The acceptance of this new prophylactic measure was rather cautious in the initial months, but as vaccination proceeded parents seemed to acquire more confidence so that by the end of the year there was an ever increasing demand for vaccination.

The table on page 17 shows the number of children who received a course of two injections in the Rural District during the year.

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of inoculations given in the district was 153 primary and 104 re-inforcing, compared with 198 primary and 157 re-inforcing in 1956.

Tables Nos. 8 and 9 on page 16 supply statistics relating to inoculations.

### Smallpox Vaccination.

During the year 164 persons were vaccinated and 24 were re-vaccinated. Corresponding figures for 1956 were 173 primary and 32 re-vaccinations.

A detailed table appears on page 17 of this report.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer who supplied the tables on diphtheria immunisation also smallpox and poliomyelitis vaccination on pages 16 and 17.

The foregoing statistics show that the health of the Rural District has been very satisfactory for the year under review.

The information shown in pages 19 to 31 of this report are prepared by Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector, to whom I offer my thanks.



In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and to the Chief Officers for their valuable co-operation, also to the staff of the Health Department for their loyal assistance during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.





# SUMMARY AND GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA:	41,315 acres.
POPULATION:	15,100 (R.G's. Estimate, 1957) - 13,788 (R.G's. Census figure, 1951)
DENSITY OF POPULATION:	i.e. number of persons per acre: 0.37
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	4,722
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE:	3.2
RATEABLE VALUE: 1957:	£144,830
SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE, 1956/57:	£604

## BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered):	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate .. .. .	211	112	99
Illegitimate .. .. .	<u>9</u>	5	4
	<u>220</u>		

Corrected Birth Rate: 15.2

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 14.6

Corresponding Rate for 1956: 13.5

Live Birth Rate for England and Wales: 16.1

Stillbirths:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate .. .. .	2	1	1
Illegitimate .. .. .	<u>1</u>	-	1
	<u>3</u>		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births: 13.6

Corresponding Rate for 1956: 19.6

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 0.20

Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales: 22.4



### DEATHS.

Males:	86	Females:	105	Total:	191	
Standardised Death Rate:					10.0	
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population:					12.6	
Corresponding Rate for 1956:					12.5	
Death Rate for England and Wales:					11.5	
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Maternal mortality per 1,000 total registered births..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

Total number of deaths from:		<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Cancer (all ages)	.. .. .	30	31
Measles (all ages)	.. .. .	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	.. .. .	-	-

### INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

					<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	4	2	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
					<u>4</u>		

Deaths of infants under one year of age per  
1,000 live births: 18.2 (1956: 9.8)

Infant Mortality for England and Wales: 23.0



Table No. 1.

## TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory .. ..	1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other .. ..	-	1	1
3.	Syphilitic disease .. ..	1	-	1
4.	Diphtheria .. ..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough .. ..	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections .. ..	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis .. ..	-	-	-
8.	Measles .. ..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	1	-	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	6	-	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast .. ..	-	4	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. ..	-	5	5
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	8	7	15
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	-	1	1
16.	Diabetes .. ..	1	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	11	19	30
18.	Coronary disease, angina .. ..	19	17	36
19.	Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	3	3	6
20.	Other heart disease .. ..	12	26	38
21.	Other circulatory disease .. ..	4	6	10
22.	Influenza.. ..	1	-	1
23.	Pneumonia.. ..	1	7	8
24.	Bronchitis. .. ..	5	1	6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	-	1	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.. ..	3	-	3
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis. .. ..	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate. .. ..	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. ..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations .. ..	1	1	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	3	4	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents. .. ..	2	1	3
34.	All other accidents .. ..	1	1	2
35.	Suicide .. ..	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war. .. ..	-	-	-
	Total all Causes: .. ..	86	105	191



Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN  
THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Dysentery	TOTAL
BENENDEN .. ..	12	8	1	1	-	-	22
CRANBROOK (including Sissinghurst) ..	14	23	6	-	-	-	43
FRITTENDEN .. ..	56	-	-	-	-	-	56
GOUDHURST (including Kilndown).. ..	4	1	2	1	1	-	9
HAWKHURST .. ..	2	37	2	4	3	1	49
SANDHURST .. ..	4	-	1	1	-	-	6
TOTAL: .. ..	92	69	12	7	4	1	185





Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Measles .. ..	-	-	-	5	3	15	51	13	4	1	-	-	92
Whooping Cough ..	27	2	2	9	5	13	7	-	-	-	3	1	69
Scarlet Fever ..	-	3	3	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	12
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Pneumonia.. ..	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	7
Dysentery.. ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS: .. ..	27	6	6	21	8	29	59	13	4	6	5	1	185



Table No. 4.

## AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (Inhabi- tants only).
Acute Anterior Polio- myelitis:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(including Meningo- coccal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ..	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ..	92	1	3	10	6	12	39	15	1	5	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	1	1
Pneumonia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever..	12	-	-	-	1	3	6	-	1	1	-	-
Typhoid ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	69	5	7	7	9	9	27	4	-	1	1	-
TOTALS:	185	6	11	17	16	24	73	19	2	17	3	1



Table No. 5.

TUBERCULOSIS.

TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHS  
IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS.

Age Groups	New Cases				Recoveries				* Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 - 14 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	2	2	1	2	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	1

\* Three of the deaths occurring in persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis were attributable to causes other than this disease.



Table No. 6.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register ..	125	80	205	123	81	204	125	81	206	122	80	202
New notifications .. ..	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cases removed and subsequently restored .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers) .. ..	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died) .. ..	4	-	4	-	-	-	3	2	5	1	-	1
Cases remaining on register ..	123	81	204	125	81	206	122	80	202	123	82	205
<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register ..	31	34	65	31	34	65	31	36	67	32	36	68
New notifications .. ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1
Cases removed and subsequently restored .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers) .. ..	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died) .. ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cases remaining on register ..	31	34	65	31	36	67	32	36	68	32	36	68





Table No. 7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	TOTAL
	Male		Female		
Cases on Register at beginning of year .. ..	125	31	80	34	270
Cases added ..	6	1	4	4	15
Cases removed ..	8	-	2	2	12
Remaining .. ..	123	32	82	36	273

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

During the year I countersigned 123 International Vaccination Certificates, authenticating the signatures of doctors in the Rural District, for persons travelling abroad.



# DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1957 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1943).

Table No. 8.

Year of Birth	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1953 - 1957.	83	116	108	107	124	137	108	89	112	177	162	157	157	117	10	1764
1952 or earlier	78	57	40	57	96	58	108	100	102	8	-	-	-	-	-	704

Number of children resident in the district who were immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Table No. 9.

Year of Birth	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	TOTAL
Primary Inoculations	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	4	20	109	10	153
Re-inforcing Inoculations	1	1	4	5	7	3	2	4	25	47	5	-	-	-	-	104



# SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

Number of persons who were vaccinated against smallpox, during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Table No. 10.

Year of Birth	Before 1943	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	TOTAL
Primary Vaccination	8	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	5	70	71	164
Re-vaccination	13	4	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24

# POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

Number of children resident in the district who received a course of two injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Table No. 11.

Year of Birth	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	TOTAL
	89	85	81	91	31	31	26	25	-	2	1	462



Table No. 12.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year ..	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year .. ..	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year .. .. .	2	-	24	24

The two Nursing Homes in the district, details of which are given in the above Table, were visited periodically by the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

This service is the responsibility of the Kent County Council and is operated from the Ambulance Station at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook.

Members of the British Red Cross Society give their services voluntarily, the number of hours totalling 5,044 over the year. Many of the members also take an active part in Civil Defence work. They also undertake the instruction in first-aid of children from a local school.





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report on the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1957.

### Water Supplies.

Regular routine samples of water are taken from the mains of the Mid Kent Water Company in various parts of the district. One such sample was unsatisfactory and the Company was immediately informed and arrangements made for the collection of further samples from the same source, and from other taps in the vicinity, and these samples were satisfactory.

The proportion of houses supplied with main water is approximately 95.4%.

### Sewerage.

The sewerage scheme for Hawkhurst, the major part of which was carried out during 1956, was completed during the year.

A new sewage disposal works has been constructed at Cherry Gardens, Goudhurst, which deals with the sewerage for the eastern end of the village. This replaces old works constructed about 1895 which had become dilapidated and dangerous owing to movements which had taken place in the structure.

The new sewerage scheme for Benenden was commenced during the year and involved the construction of a disposal works off Walkhurst Road to the north-east of the village and the laying of sewers through the village.

All the above schemes have been designed and are being carried out under the supervision of the Council's Consulting Engineers.

### Housing.

The tables set out later in the Report give figures of the work carried out.

During the year the Council completed the erection of 22 dwellings, four at Benenden, six at Court Stile, Cranbrook, and 12 at Frittenden.

In addition 21 new dwellings were completed in the district by private builders.



Applications for Improvement Grants were agreed in respect of 34 houses to be improved.

During the year three Clearance Orders were made in respect of areas containing a total of 15 houses. Two of these Orders, representing seven houses, have been confirmed; the third was unopposed but has not yet been confirmed.

Individual houses represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost numbered ten, and of these in five cases undertakings were accepted from owners as to their future use, and in five cases demolition orders were made.

#### Meat and Food.

Six slaughterhouses are licensed in the area and regular weekly slaughtering is carried out at four of the establishments. At the remaining two slaughterhouses killing is not so regular. Slaughtering is confined almost exclusively to the businesses of the occupiers and generally the quality of animals killed is excellent. All animals notified as being slaughtered have been inspected.

#### Milk.

Much of the milk supplied to the area has been delivered to the retailers in bottles as pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk. In certain specified districts, one of which Cranbrook Rural District is included, the law now requires all milk which is not from Tuberculin Tested cows to be pasteurised.

#### Ice Cream.

The premises registered for the sale of ice cream all obtain their supplies from outside the district, and the bulk of the ice cream is now pre-wrapped.

#### Hop-pickers' Camps.

Throughout the hop-picking season as many inspections as possible were made, and all camps were inspected prior to occupation.

Generally camps were well maintained during occupation and conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

The health of the pickers was again very good, the only case of infectious disease being notified was one case of measles. Two cases of suspected food poisoning were reported but the pickers returned to London before the notifications were received.

The approximate number of camps and huts were as follows:-



		<u>Camps.</u>	<u>Huts.</u>
Benenden	...	12	178
Cranbrook	...	17	502
Frittenden	...	11	176
Goudhurst	...	44	2026
Hawkhurst	...	18	562
Sandhurst	...	12	294
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		114	3738
		<hr/>	<hr/>

Of these huts approximately 1,056 were unoccupied. There are now 25 hop-picking machines in the district, and accordingly the number of pickers needed is much less than required in pre-war years when all picking was done by hand.

#### Clean Food.

Routine inspections have been carried out of premises where food is prepared, and conditions are generally satisfactory. Good co-operation is being received from proprietors in general in providing the necessary additional appliances and complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given at all times by Members of the Council and yourself.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.



Table No. 13.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR, 1957 :-

	<u>Number</u>									
Visits to Bakehouses .. .. .	20									
" " Butchers' Shops .. .. .	44									
" " Dairies .. .. .	9									
" " Ice Cream premises .. .. .	16									
" " Licensed premises .. .. .	32									
" " Restaurants and Kitchens .. .. .	38									
" " Slaughterhouses .. .. .	295									
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc., .. .. .	9									
" " Other food premises .. .. .	55									
Visits to Baths .. .. .	6									
" " Moveable dwellings .. .. .	60									
" " Factories .. .. .	161									
" " Stables .. .. .	Nil									
" " Streams .. .. .	15									
" " Verminous premises .. .. .	8									
" " Workplaces .. .. .	10									
Visits re Infectious Diseases .. .. .	22									
" " Insects and various pests .. .. .	9									
" " keeping of animals .. .. .	7									
" " offensive trades .. .. .	8									
" " overcrowding .. .. .	7									
" " Rat/mice infestation .. .. .	53									
" " Shops Acts .. .. .	39									
" " Smoke Nuisances .. .. .	12									
" " Water Supply .. .. .	26									
" " Hop-pickers' Camps .. .. .	208									
Houses disinfected .. .. .	12									
" disinfectd .. .. .	2									
Smoke tests to drains .. .. .	Nil									
Water tests to drains .. .. .	53									
Informal notices served on houses .. .. .	90									
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action .. .. .	116									
Formal notices served re houses .. .. .	3									
" " complied with by owner .. .. .	3									
" " " " occupier .. .. .	Nil									
" " " " Local Authority in default .. .. .	Nil									





Table No. 14.

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

	<u>No. of dwellings demolished.</u>	<u>No. of persons displaced.</u>
Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936) .. ..	-	6

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS.

	<u>Number of Houses.</u>	<u>Persons Displaced.</u>
<u>Housing Act, 1936.</u>		
Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11 .. .. .	4	21
Houses closed in pursuance of an Undertaking given by the owners under Section 11, and still in force .. .. .	6	7
Parts of buildings closed .. .. .	-	-

Housing Act, 1949.

Closing Orders under Section 3(1) .. .. .	-	-
Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2) .. .. .	-	-

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Closing Orders made under Section 10(1) .. .. .	-	-
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REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts .. .. .	116
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners .. .. .	2
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners .. .. .	-

Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners .. .. .	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners .. .. .	-



Table No. 15.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises.

The total number of food premises in the area, set out by types of premises is given below :-

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Ice Cream (manufacturers)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Ice Cream (Storage/sale)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Sausage Manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Restaurants and Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
								<u>185</u>

Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	..	..	..	214
				<u>214</u>

Educational Activity on Food Hygiene.

No lectures on food hygiene have been held for food handlers. Inspections are carried out by the Public Health Inspectors and the general standard of cleanliness is reasonable. Every opportunity is taken to give advice on food hygiene at the time of inspection.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Act is as follows :-

Premises used for sausage making	..	..	..	13
" " " manufacture of ice cream	..	..	..	Nil
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	..	..	..	54
Number of inspections of these premises	..	..	..	60



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

### Milk Supply.

Licences in force at the end of the year :-

<u>Pasteurisers' Licences</u> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
<u>Dealers' Licences</u> :	Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Sterilised .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
	T.T. (pasteurised)	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
<u>Supplementary Licences:</u>								
	Pasteurised .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Sterilised .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Number of Distributors of Milk in the District :-

(a) with premises inside the District .. .. .	12
(b) with premises outside the District .. .. .	2
Number of Dairies in the District (excluding farms) ..	5
Number of Shops selling bottled milk .. .. .	6

Nine samples of tuberculin tested milk were collected and of these four failed to pass the prescribed test.

Nine samples of pasteurised milk were all reported to be satisfactory.

Four samples of milk were submitted for biological test and in all cases the results were negative.

### Meat and Other Foods.

Unsound food surrendered by retail and wholesale stores:-

					C.	Q.	Lbs.
Tinned Goods .. .. .	..	..	..	..		3.	1.
Meat .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9.	3.	7.
					10.	2.	8.

### Disposal of Condemned Foods.

Normally only small quantities of food are condemned at one time and these are treated appropriately and disposed of under supervision at refuse tips. Arrangements are made for larger quantities of condemned meat to be disposed of to glue manufacturers.

Samples of food and drugs examined by the  
Public Analyst .. .. . Nil



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

TABLE OF CARCASSES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

	Cattle, exclud- ing Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .. ..	267	-	50	296	344	-
Number inspected .. ..	267	-	50	296	344	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticeri :-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	1	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit .. ..	18	-	-	14	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticeri .. ..	6.7%	-	-	5.1%	1.2%	-
Tuberculosis only :-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit .. ..	10	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. ..	3.7%	-	-	-	2.6%	-
Cysticercosis :-						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally unfit .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-





INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

Ice Cream.

Registration of Premises :

Total number of registered premises :-

For manufacture .. .. .	Nil
For storage and sale .. .. .	54

Number of premises registered during the year :-

For manufacture .. .. .	Nil
For storage and sale .. .. .	3

Water Supplies.

Bacteriological Samples :

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Samples of main water .. .. .	13	1
Samples of waters other than mains ..	8	2

Chemical Samples :

Samples of main water .. .. .	-	-
Samples of waters other than mains ..	1	-

Advice was given as to the treatment of the two unsatisfactory spring waters.



Table No. 16.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator :-

			<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Number of complaints received	..	..	37	13
" " premises infested	..	..	112	17
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	..	..	26	-
Number of premises disinfested :				
(a) Dwellings and schools	..	..	180	17
(b) Council properties (sewage works, refuse tips, etc.)	..		16	3
(c) Food premises	..	..	-	-
(d) Other premises	..	..	-	-
Total number of visits	..	..	382	69



Table No. 17.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of the work of eradicating insect pests, carried out during the year by the Rodent Operator, under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, are as follows :-

							<u>Number</u>
<u>Fleas</u> :							
Premises disinfested	..	..	..	..			2
Visits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
<u>Bugs</u> :							
Premises disinfested	..	..	..	..			Nil
Visits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
<u>Beetles</u> :							
Premises disinfested	..	..	..	..			2
Visits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3



Table No. 18.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. ..	22	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	64	81	3	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	36	70	-	-
Total :	122	161	3	-





2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	6	6	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient .. ..	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective .. ..	3	3	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Total :	10	10	-	2	-

